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QUALITY OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of chemical pesticides and weedicides imported into the country indicating the names of the foreign companies exporting them during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government/Directorate of Plant Protection, Resistance and Storage, Faridabad has found the same to be spurious/of inferior quality/expired; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against such companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Details of the quantity of chemical pesticides & weedicides imported into India:

Year	Qty. in M.T. (Tech. Grade)
2006-07	28223
2007-08	29297
2008-09	18476
2009-10	23175

Multi National Companies such as M/s. Syngenta Ltd., M/s. Bayer CropScience, M/s. BASF and M/s. Dupont, and domestic companies are importing as well as exporting pesticides which also include weedicides.

(b) & (c): There is a network of 62 State Pesticides Testing laboratories (SPTIs) in 21 States and 1 UT. The samples of imported and domestic pesticides available in the market are drawn by Insecticide Inspectors and analyzed at State Pesticide Testing laboratories on regular basis. For the States, which do not have facilities for testing pesticides, or for the samples, which cannot be analyzed at State level, the facility of testing samples at Regional Pesticides Testing laboratories (RPTLs), set up by the Central Government is also available. In case of dispute in analysis, the samples are referred to a Central Insecticides laboratory (CIL), Faridabad.

Offences related to quality of insecticides are dealt with in terms of provision of the Insecticide Act, 1968.